

Gasconade County SWCD

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2015 Annual Meeting

April 9, 2015

Owensville Middle School

3340 Hwy 19N

Owensville, MO 65066

- ♦ 5:30—7:30 *Election Polls open*
- ♦ 6:00—7:00 *Dinner (Catered by Cathy's Catering)*
- ♦ 7:00—8:00 *Agri-Missouri Program, Speaker Cindy Thompson*
"Connecting producers to consumers,
and consumers to Agriculture"
- ♦ 8:00—8:30 *Awards Presentation*
- ♦ 8:30 *Election Results*

RSVP by March 31, 2015 to the Gasconade County SWCD

at 573-437-3478 ext 3.

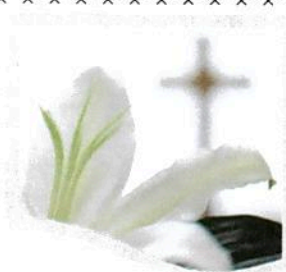
*We will be hosting a silent auction
to raise local funds towards the purchase of a new no-till drill.*

Board of Supervisors:

Dennis Berger - Chairman
Michael Haeffner - Vice-Chairman
Matt Estes - Treasurer
Debra Nowack - Member
Matthew Herring - Secretary

District Staff:

Diana Mayfield - District Specialist II
Kory Hubbard - District Technician II



NRCS Staff:

Melinda Barch - District Conservationist
Braden Schmitz, Soil Conservationist
Amy Neier - Soil Conservation Technician

MDC STAFF:

Seth Barrioz, Private Lands Conservationist
Scott Williams, Fisheries Biologist
Aaron Holsapple - Forester
Adam Jones—Wildlife Biologist

2015 Election Candidates

The GCSWCD will be holding elections for **Area I**—Richland and Boulware Townships and **Area III**—Third Creek, Clay and Bourbois Townships on April 9th from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The polls will be located at the USDA Service Center from 8—4:30 p.m. and then will move to the Owensville Middle School from 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Every agricultural landowner in Gasconade County (no matter what Township) has the right to vote for one representative in each area listed below. The landowners must be listed on the Title of Deed. If owned by a husband and wife, both may cast a vote; however, if the land is in a Trust or other entity, only one person may cast the vote. One vote for **each** Area may be cast.

The **Area I** nominating committee, which consisted of Dale Ridder, Curtis Koelling, and Dallas Erfling, have nominated the following candidates:

Mike Haeffner—Mike is currently serving as Vice-Chairman on the GCSWCD Board and is seeking re-election. Mike and his wife, Susie, have two children and six grandchildren. Mike has been farming for 14 years on their 300 acre farm. They are row cropping soybeans, corn, and wheat. Mike is retired from MDC and is currently serving as a substitute teacher. He is a member of the Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and VFW. If elected, he would like to keep working with landowners to preserve and protect the natural resources of the county for future generations.



Chelten Hasty—Chelten and her

husband, Steve, have been actively farming since 2013 when they took over the family farm. They have a 200 cow/calf operation and a back-grounding lot where they raise the cattle from 500 to 800 lbs. For the last five years, she has been selling home raised freezer beef and ADM Alliance Nutrition/Moormans feed. There is an intensive rotation grazing system on the farm. She is a board member of the Gasconade County Farm Bureau, a member of the Gasconade County Cattlemens, American Simmental Association and the MO Simmental Association. She graduated from Lincoln University of MO with a BS in Animal Science, with a Minor in Agri-Business. If elected, she hopes to serve the people of the district as best she can.



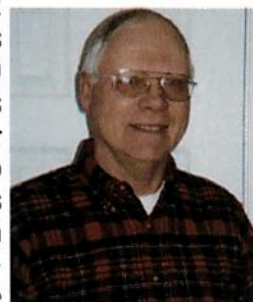
The **Area III** nominating committee, which consisted of Rena Gerloff, Doug Meyer, and Gene Rademacher, have nominated the following candidates:

Debra Nowack—Debbie is currently serving as the Member of the GCSWCD Board and is seeking re-election. Debbie and her husband, Gilbert, have three children and seven grandchildren. They have been farming for 42 years. They have a Century Farm, where they raise registered Gelbvieh cattle in partnership with their son, Jared, and his family. They raise 420 acres of hay and pasture including rented farms. They use no-till and



minimum tillage for seedings in order to minimize erosion. Debbie is employed as a Program Technician with the Farm Service Agency and has served on the Extension Council, 4-H, Church Board, OMG Agri-Pride WIA, and is a substitute PRS Teacher at ICCC. If elected, Debbie would like to continue helping producers, through cost-share, install conservation practices they may not be able to implement alone. This a key board function. She would like to see more producers take advantage of programs available to them. She would also like to see educational outreach extended through more programs and activities for young people—the future stewards of our resources.

Glenn Boettcher—Glenn and his wife, Lolli, have three children and 5 grandchildren. Glenn has been farming for 42 years on his family's 1600 acre farm. His timber is under a Stewardship Plan. He has participated in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) and the State Cost-share Program. He has been a member of 4-H, County Extension, Farm Bureau, Presbyterian Church, Conservation Federation, Quail Unlimited, Historical Society, and Ozark Regional Land Trust. If elected, he would promote good soil and water conservation practices to both the youth and adults in Gasconade County through education and cost-share incentives.



NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GASCONADE COUNTY

To all land representatives of any farms lying within Gasconade County, Missouri, pursuant to the provision of the Missouri Soil and Water Conservation District Law, Sections 278.060 to 278.155 RSMo, 1978 notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April 2015, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., an election will be held to elect the required number of supervisors to the Board of Supervisors of the Soil and Water Conservation District of Gasconade County, Missouri.

All land representatives of any farm lying within Gasconade County, Missouri, are eligible to vote. A land representative is the owner or representative authorized by power-of-attorney of any farm lying within any area of the district; provided, however, that any land representative must be a taxpayer of the county. Eligible voters shall cast their votes at the following polling places.

USDA SERVICE CENTER (FSA)
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
316 Olive Street
Owensville, MO 65066

OWENSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
3340 Hwy 19N
Owensville, MO 65066

All land representatives so designated by power-of-attorney must present their power-of-attorney form, properly signed, to the polling judges at the time of voting.

Soil and Water Conservation District of Gasconade County
Dennis Berger, Chairman

Copy of Official Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT GASCONADE COUNTY, MISSOURI SUPERVISOR ELECTION

Area I - Richland and Boulware (4 Year Term)

Mike Haefner
Chelton Hasty

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Area III - Third Creek, Clay, Bourbois (4 Year Term)

Debra Nowack
Glen Boettcher

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Vote for one supervisor in each Area by placing an "X" in the square after his or her name.

NRCS CHANGES

NRCS offices are going through some re-alignments throughout the state in order to stay within our budget limitations. Currently, Gasconade County is part of the Osage/Maries/Gasconade County Field Office Service Area (FOSA). This re-alignment will result in a reduction from 56 to 30 FOSA's in the state. Our current FOSA will see the addition of Cole County. This will be a positive change in that it allows for landowners in these counties to have additional staff resources available to them. The transition to the 30 FOSA's has started with the advertising of the District Conservationist position. Selection of this position should be made and the transitions completed by the middle of February. So, you may see some familiar faces along with some new faces when working with our office here in Gasconade County. NRCS support to our partners and landowners will remain as strong as ever.

You may see the changes posted to the Gasconade County Website (www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade) when everything is said and done.

The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Osage County Natural Resource Conservation Service invites you to a free workshop



Prescribed Burn Workshop for Landowners

Friday, February 27th 2015
9 AM - 3 PM @

Linn Fire Protection District Station 1
210 West Main
Linn, MO 65051

Workshop Topics:

- *Proper methods and techniques used for implementing control burns.
- *Burn equipment, how it is used and availability.
- *Developing burn plans.

Demonstration Burn: (If weather conditions are suitable)

A demo burn will follow classroom session on a local woodland.
Be sure to wear jeans and close toed boots.

Brown bag lunch will be provided for registered participants.

Register by February 23rd

For Reservations:

Seth Barrioz (573) 897-3797 ext. 116 (MDC Private Land Conservationist)

**SEEDLING ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
AT YOUR LOCAL SWCD OFFICE OR ON-LINE AT
MDC.MO.GOV/NODE/3328.**

UPCOMING GRAZING SCHOOLS

- ⇒ April 13-14, Rolla Grazing School, call 573-364-6202 ext 3
- ⇒ September 10-11, Tri-County Grazing School (Gasconade County), call 573-437-3478 ext 3
- ⇒ There are other schools available throughout the state—please contact this office for other options.

These grazing schools meet the state requirement for the grazing system cost-share program. They also provide points, if applying for EQIP Funding.

REMEMBER, you must have attended a certified grazing school BEFORE you can have your name added to our waiting list. All state cost-share programs are based on first come, first served.

Helping People Help the Land
An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

We Have Funding Available!

We currently have funding available in the Woodland Resource Concern. If you have a project that meets the criteria listed below, please give us a call at 573-437-3478 ext 3. We have money available for this fiscal year, if you can finish the project by June 15th. Otherwise we can work with FY16 funding.

- ♦ C100—Timber Harvest Plan—Proper design and implementation of best management practices on logging roads, stream crossings, log landings, and other constructive measures during timber harvest. Applies to land where the cooperator is planning to conduct a timber sale. This is an incentive payment based on \$20 per acre up to 75 acres and \$15 per acre above 75 acres, not to exceed \$3,000 per year.
- ♦ Livestock Exclusion—This practice applies to existing ponds, woodlands, sinkholes, streams, or sensitive areas where vegetation, soil condition, and water quality are in need of protection from livestock. The exclusion fence may be either 4 strand barb or 2 strand Hi-Tensile. Cost-share is paid at 75% of the State Average Cost.
- ♦ N655—Restoration of Skid Trails, Logging Roads, Stream Crossings, and Log Landings—Applies to control or prevent erosion on land with existing tree cover where improper harvest has taken place. Gully erosion must be evident at the time of application. This is an incentive payment of \$1500 per gully, not to exceed \$6,000 for the practice.

REMEMBER—the MO Department of Ag offers a “Bridge Loan” to all qualified cost-share contract applicants to assist with up front expenses associated with implementation of conservation practices.



Conservation Stewardship Program Sign Up

Melinda L. Barch, District Conservationist

NRCS is currently taking applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) until March 5, 2015.

CSP is a voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by:

Undertaking additional conservation activities and
improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

CSP presents a significant shift in how NRCS provides conservation program payments. CSP participants will receive an annual land use payment for operation-level environmental benefits they produce. Through CSP, participants are paid for conservation performance: the higher the operational performance, the higher the payment.

CSP encourages land stewards to improve their conservation performance by installing and adopting additional activities, and improving, maintaining and managing existing activities on agriculture land such as cropland, hayland and pastureland, as well as non-industrial private forest land.

In order to determine minimum threshold eligibility and annual payment through CSP, the operator of record for the farm(s) will answer a series of questions to determine the existing activities that are taking place. They will then review the list of enhancements and select ones that will enhance the conservation activity of their current operation. The annual payment is based on the existing activity level plus the enhancements that are selected. Contracts for this program are 5 years in length.

If you are interested in the CSP program and how it will benefit your operation, please stop by our office to see if you meet the minimum threshold criteria.

UPCOMING SILENT AUCTION

The **GCSWCD** is sponsoring a silent auction at our upcoming annual meeting on April 9th. Items for this auction are graciously being donated by local agricultural vendors. The funds raised from this endeavor will, hopefully, be used in conjunction with special grants to purchase a new 10' no-till drill. Our current 10' drill is 23 years old and will only seed large seed. Being such an old drill, it needs constant attention and cannot address all of the needs of the landowners. A new drill will seed large, small, and warm season grasses as well as crop seed.

We hope that you will come support our cause and bid on these items!



FSA Updates



2014 FARM BILL-NEW PROVISIONS FOR FARM PROGRAMS:

Farm owners and producers have decisions to make with the implementation of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Now through February 27, 2015: Farm owners may visit their local FSA office to update yield history and/or reallocate base acres.

Now through March 31, 2015: Producers make a one-time election between Price Loss Coverage (PLC), Agricultural Risk Protection-County (ARC-CO), or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC)

Mid-April 2015 through Summer 2015: Producers sign contracts for 2014 and 2015 crop years.

To learn more about which options are most appropriate for specific farming operations, farmers can use new Web tools at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Please call or visit the FSA office immediately to discuss options and begin the decision making process.

UPCOMING EVENTS—DECISION TOOL LABS:

Producers are invited to attend a computer lab session for assistance in entering yield and base information into the decision tool. FSA and University-Extension personnel will be assisting with data entry and interpretations. Participants must have information gather prior to the lab session—call for more details and to RSVP.

Linn Community Center—Linn, MO—February 3, 2015—2pm, 4pm, 6pm

Farm Bureau Meeting Room—Owensville, MO—February 5, 2015—2pm, 4pm, 6pm

INSURANCE FOR HAY, PASTURE AND OTHER CROPS-OPTIONS EXPANDED:

FSA offers an insurance policy on crops that you cannot get crop insurance on. The policy can cover a wide array of crops including vegetables, fruit, grapes, hay, pasture, etc. Coverage at the catastrophic level is \$250 per year. The 2014 Farm Bill included buy-up coverage which expanded options for producers. Beginning Farmers, Social Disadvantaged and Limited Resource producers may qualify for a waiver of the fee. If interested, please contact the FSA office immediately—sales closing dates are rapidly approaching.

CROP REPORTING DEADLINES:

2015 spring-seeded grains and CRP must be reported by **July 15, 2015**

2016 hay and pasture acres must be reported by **November 15, 2015**

2016 Fall barley, wheat and other fall seeded small grains must be reported by **December 15, 2015**

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PROGRAMS:

Livestock Forage Program provides compensation to eligible producers in our district who suffered grazing losses due to the qualifying 2012 drought. If you owned or cash leased eligible livestock and suffered an eligible feed loss, you may be compensated. Additional details on the types of information required for an application is available from the FSA office. Please call the Gasconade County office for details specific to your operation. The deadline to signup is January 30, 2015.

FSA eALERTS:

FSA is using eAlerts, a paperless way to receive FSA reminders by email or text. Hardcopy newsletters are being discontinued. For updates on new programs or upcoming deadlines, contact the FSA office to sign up for eAlerts today, at 573-437-4131, ext 2.

FARM STORED FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM (FSFL):

Eligible producers can obtain a low-interest loan for 7, 10 or 12 years to build or upgrade storage or handling facilities. This program includes grain bins and hay barns. **January Interest Rate: 2.00%** (Fixed for a 7 year term)

2015 *Forage and Beef Conference* Monday, March 2, 2015

Cuba, Missouri
Knights of Columbus
1-44 East - Hwy UU Exit

- 12:30 Registration
- 1:00 Goat Health – Dr. Charlotte Clifford-Rathert
- 1:45 Novel Fescues – Sarah Kenyon
- 2:30 BREAK
- 3:00 Missouri Department of Agriculture Market News Reporter
- 3:45 BREAK
- 4:15 Marketing – Local Sale Barn Representatives
South Central Regional Stockyards - Vienna
Interstate Livestock Market - Cuba
Salem Livestock Market - Salem
- 5:15 Quality Forages – Dr. Garry Lacefield
- 6:30 Dinner



RSVP by February 17, 2015 to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732, ext. 3, or 573-364-6202, ext. 3.

****There is a \$10.00 per person charge for the conference – payable at the door.****

Sponsored by: Soil & Water Conservation Districts; University of Missouri Extension; Natural Resources Conservation Service in Crawford, Phelps, Maries, Dent, and Gasconade Counties; Maries County Bank and Branches; Crawford County Farm Bureau; Dent County Farm Bureau; Gasconade County Farm Bureau; Crawford County Cattlemen's Association; Bank of Salem; Peoples Bank in Cuba, Steelville, Sullivan and Bourbon; Bank of Sullivan in Cuba, Sullivan, Union, Labadie, Pleasant Hope & Sunrise Beach; First Community National Bank in Cuba, Steelville, Sullivan, Rolla, Vienna and Eureka; Mid-America Bank; Town and Country Bank in Rolla, St. James, Salem and Bourbon; Legends Bank; and FCS Financial.

If you need a special accommodation, please contact Crawford County SWCD at 573-364-6202, ext. 3 by February 17, 2015.

USDA Programs and Assistance are available without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, marital status or national origin.



Gasconade County SWCD

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Owensville, MO 65066
(573) 437-3478 ext. 3
FAX: 855-842-7890

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2015 Dates to Remember

February 3	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
February 16	George Washington's Birthday, Office Closed
February 27	Prescribed Burn Workshop, Page 3
March 2	Forage & Beef Conference, Page 7
March 3	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
March 13	Annual Poster Contest posters are due.
March 18	Poster Judging
March 31	Annual Meeting Registration deadline
April 8	Regional Envirothon, Runge Center
April 9	2015 Annual Meeting, Page 1
	Board Mtg, immediately after Annual Meeting
April 13-14	Phelps County Grazing School
May 5	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
June 2	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.
June 15	End of cost-share year
June 30	End of Fiscal Year 2015
July 3	Independence Day Holiday, Office Closed
July 7	Board Mtg, USDA Service Center, 6:30 p.m.

Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

**LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE
SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE
RENTED.**

Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$100.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$10.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$9.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless other wise indicated.

◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at James Miller, Second Creek Farms, 2828 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call 573-529-2507 to schedule.

◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

Vehicle insurance cards must be presented!

Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Rotowiper - \$25 a day
- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer, Disk) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece or \$50 for all three
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge